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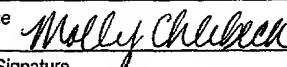
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TITLE: IMPROVED SLITTING TOOL

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.10: I hereby certify that this Utility Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Box Patent Application, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, "EXPRESS No EV 019 705 934 US, on this 15th day of February, 2002.

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 We are transmitting herewith the attached:
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 Specification:
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 Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))
 Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*

Accompanying application parts:

Notification of filing a
 Assignment of the invention to Medtronic, Inc.
 Assignment cover sheet
 Information Disclosure Statement
 PTO Form 1449
 Copies of IDS citations
 Preliminary Amendment
 A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.
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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)
 of prior application No. _____ / _____.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a continuation
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Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
 (At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: _____.

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) _____, filed _____.

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FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	Claims Included in Base Fee	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	36	20	= 16	x 18	\$288.00
Independent Claims	3	3	= 0	x 84	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			0	+ 280	
Basic Filing Fee					\$740.00
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